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Three-year-old New Zealander chokes to death on candy April 9, 2007

The New Zealand police has reported that a three-year-old boy choked to death on Saturday afternoon, due to what they believe was a piece of candy at his birthday party.

The parents did call New Zealand's emergency number, 1-1-1, after their son alerted his parents to the fact that he was choking. The paramedics were unable to revive the Napier boy when they arrived at the scene.

The case has been referred to a coroner.



A collection of lollies.

2007 Cricket World Cup: New Zealand vs Ireland April 9, 2007

New Zealand beat Ireland by 129 runs in the Super 8 phase in the World Cup at the Providence Stadium, Georgetown, Guyana.

Toss: New Zealand won, and elected to bat first.

Fall of wickets (New Zealand): 1-35 (Fleming, 5.4 ov), 2-59 (Marshall, 11.0 ov), 3-83 (Styris, 16.3 ov), 4-118 (McMillan 24.4 ov), 5-172 (Fulton, 38.1 ov), 6-181 (Oram, 40.4 ov), 7-189 (Vettori, 42.3 ov), 8-260 (McCullum, 49.4 ov).

Fall of wickets (Ireland): 1-5 (Bray, 2.0 ov), 2-22 (Porterfield, 7.2 ov), 3-35 (Morgan, 12.5 ov), 4-110 (K O'Brien, 28.4 ov), 5-125 (N O'Brien, 32.3 ov), 6-127 (White, 33.3 ov), 7-133 (Johnston, 34.4 ov), 8-133 (Gillespie, 35.5 ov), 9-134 (McCallan, 37.3 ov), 10-134 (Rankin, 37.4 ov).

New Zealand: P G Fulton, S P Fleming (capt), H J H Marshall, S B Styris, J D P Oram, C D McMillan, B B McCullum (wkt), D L Vettori, J E C Franklin, S E Bond, J S Patel

Ireland: J P Bray, W T S Porterfield, E J G Morgan, N J O'Brien (wkt), A R White, P G Gillespie, K J O'Brien, W K McCallan, D T Johnston (capt), D Langford-Smith, W B Rankin

Player of the match: P G Fulton (New Zealand)

Umpires: S A Bucknor (West Indies) and S J A Taufel (South Africa)

TV umpire: B R Doctrove (West Indies)

Match referee: RS Madugalle (Sri Lanka)

Reserve umpire: G E Greaves (West Indies).

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2007 Cricket World Cup: New Zealand vs Sri Lanka April 12, 2007

Sri Lanka beat New Zealand in the Super 8 phase of the World Cup at the Cricket National Stadium, St. George's, Grenada.

Victory for New Zealand would have assured them of a semi final place, instead it leaves Sri Lanka tied for first place in the Super 8 table with New Zealand and Australia, but third on net run rate.

Toss: New Zealand won, and elected to bat first.

Fall of wickets (New Zealand): 1-1 (Fleming, 0.5 ov), 2-4 (Taylor, 2.1 ov), 3-71 (Fulton, 19.5 ov), 4-77 (McMillan, 22.2 ov), 5-141 (Oram, 37.3 ov), 6-145 (McCullum, 38.2 ov), 7-155 (Vettori, 40.5 ov). Shane Bond, and Mark Gillespie did not bat.

Fall of wickets (Sri Lanka): 1-30 (Tharanga, 4.4 ov), 2-130 (Jayasuriya, 25.3 ov), 3-152 (Jayawardene, 30.4 ov), 4-180 (de Silva, 37.5 ov). Dilhara Fernando, Russel Arnold, Chaminda Vaas, Farveez Maharoof, and Muttiah Muralitharan did not bat.

New Zealand: P G Fulton, S P Fleming (capt), R L Taylor, S B Styris, J D P Oram, C D McMillan, B B McCullum (wkt), D L Vettori, J E C Franklin, S E Bond, M R Gillespie

Sri Lanka: W U Tharanga, S T Jayasuriya, K C Sangakkara (wkt), D P M D Jayawardene (capt), L P C Silva, T M Dilshan, C R D Fernando, R P

Arnold, W P U J C Vaas, M F Maharoof, M Muralitharan

Player of the match: W P U J C Vaas (Sri Lanka)

Umpires: Asad Rauf (Pakistan) and B R Doctrove (West Indies)

TV umpire: Aleem Dar (Pakistan)

Match referee: M J Procter (South Africa)

Reserve umpire: M R Benson (England)

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Television New Zealand announces job losses; news worst hit April 13, 2007

New Zealand's state-owned broadcaster, TVNZ (Television New Zealand) announced yesterday its proposed redundancy cuts that will see jobs go from various sectors, the most going from their news and current affairs sector.

At least 140 people will be told that they will be set to lose their job in the next six months, at least 50 of those are from the news sector.

Seven general reporting journalists will be leaving, which only leaves six left from the Auckland newsroom. Two sports reporting journalists will also be leaving from the Auckland newsroom, leaving six. Accredited parliament reporters also look to face redundancy cuts, as well as reporters from the Christchurch newsroom. As well as people losing their jobs, the Queenstown, Wanganui and Rotorua newsrooms will be closed, as well as the news reference library, and the current affairs show, Sunday looks set to close its Wellington office. Head of journalism at the University of Canterbury, Jim Tully says that the closing of the Queenstown newsroom

is a big mistake. Current affairs show, Close Up will also lose two journalists and a Christchurch producer, but will gain a producer in Auckland. Fair Go, consumer affairs show, will lose three senior producers. Breakfast will lose a weather and sports presenter, and a producer.

The final decision of the exact numbers will be disclosed in the next few weeks, following consultation with the Engineering, Printing and Manufacturing Union, which represents, altogether, 5,000 employees.

Some of the job losses include experienced journalists, and Bill Ralston, former head of news and current affairs for TVNZ, said that they will be replaced by cheaper, inexperienced journalists. "If you do that your audience will reduce even further . . . this move makes no commercial sense whatsoever," he said.

The Engineering, Printing and Manufacturing Union has described the job losses as an attack on democracy, and have launched a campaign titled, 'Our Media' to bring these issues to light. The National Secretary, Andrew Little has said that an essential function of communities is good quality regional news reporting, which will be reduced because of the job cuts.

Steve Maharey, broadcasting minister, has refused to comment regarding TVNZ.

Mr Ralston has said that this move will destroy TVNZ's 30-year reputation being "...a good quality public broadcaster who gives you a news and current affairs service that you can believe and trust."

He also questioned why they were cutting the news sector heavily when there are other sectors that are

unnecessary, such as human resources. "Last time I looked at TVNZ it had 25 people in its human resources division – TV3 has none." One TVNZ staff member has said that the job cuts were run by the human resources decision, and that they are very "anti-journalist".

TVNZ plan to launch a new continuous news channel next year on New Zealand's new digital platform, FreeView.

The New Zealand Herald is currently also looking at reducing staff numbers by outsourcing their sub-editors/copy editors.



TVNZ's headquarters in Auckland, New Zealand. Photograph by Gabriel Pollard.

2007 Cricket World Cup: New Zealand vs South Africa April 15, 2007

New Zealand beat South Africa by 5 wickets in the Super 8 phase of the World Cup at the Cricket National Stadium, St. George's, Grenada, securing their place in the semi-finals, along with Australia, Sri Lanka and a currently unknown team. South Africa will have to beat England in their upcoming game in order to secure their progression.

Toss: New Zealand won, and elected to bowl first.

Fall of wickets (South Africa): 1-3 (Smith, 1.5 ov), 2-3 (de Villiers, 3.0 ov), 3-52 (Kallis, 19.5 ov), 4-128 (Gibbs, 37.0 ov), 5-143 (Prince, 40.5

ov), 6-149 (Boucher, 42.2 ov), 7-181 (Hall, 48.0 ov)

Did not bat: Andre Nel, Makhaya Ntini

Fall of wickets (New Zealand): 1-25 (Fulton, 7.2 ov), 2-42 (Taylor, 12.2 ov), 3-120 (Fleming, 30.1 ov), 4-176 (Styris, 43.4 ov), 5-192 (Oram, 48.1 ov)

Did not bat: Daniel Vettori, James Franklin, Shane Bond, Jeetan Patel

New Zealand: P G Fulton, S P Fleming (capt), R L Taylor, S B Styris, J D P Oram, C D McMillan, B B McCullum (wkt), D L Vettori, J E C Franklin, S E Bond, J S Patel

South Africa: G C Smith (capt), A B de Villiers, J D Kallis, H H Gibbs, A G Prince, M V Boucher (wkt), S M Pollock, A J Hall, R J Peterson, A Nel, M Ntini

Player of the match: C D McMillan (New Zealand)


Umpires: M R Benson (England) and D J Harper (Australia)

TV umpire: B R Doctrove (West Indies)

Match referee: BC Broad (England)
Reserve umpire: Asad Rauf (Pakistan)

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